

REMARKS

The Amendments

(a) Specification

The superscript and temperature sign were not properly shown in Paragraphs [0032], [0041], [0056] and [0058]. The corrections are supported by parent applications USSN 09/879,408 and USSN 10/284,586, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in the present application (see Paragraph [0001]).

(b) Drawings

In the original drawings, the same graphic pattern was used in Figures 1D-1H for two different features (the photoresist and the sealing layer). To avoid confusion, Applicant has amended the drawings to have two different graphic patterns representing the photoresist and the sealing layer. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the application describing the photoresist and the sealing layer.

(c) Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the sealing of opened and filled display cells to be accomplished with a sealing composition which has a specific gravity lower than that of the display fluid. The support for this amendment is found in, for example, Paragraph [0046]. Step (e) of Claim 1 has been corrected to recite repeating only steps b) through d).

Claim 5 has been amended to replace “is capable of being readily removed” with “is removable”.

Claim 30 has been amended and the amendment is supported by, for example, Paragraph [0046].

Claim 31 has also been amended as requested by the Examiner.

New Claims 35 and 36 are supported by at least Paragraphs [0046].

New Claim 37 is supported by Paragraph [0047] and Claim 1(d) as originally filed.

New Claim 38 is supported by at least Paragraph [0047].

The Response

1. 35 U.S.C. §112, second Paragraph Rejection

Claim 31 is rejected for insufficient antecedent basis. The rejection is overcome in view of the amendment.

2. Claim Objection

Claim 5 is objected to because the phrase "capable of." Applicant has amended the claim to recite wherein said filler material is removable from the cells. The recitation describes the characteristics of the filler material and is a positive limitation.

Claim 1 is objected to because the recitation of "repeating the above a) through d)." Applicant have amended the claim to recite repeating the above b) through d).

Therefore, the objections should be withdrawn.

3. Obviousness-Type Double-Patenting Rejection

Claims (1+4), 5-7, (8+33), 9-12 and 14-30, 31, 32 and 34 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2-4, 5, 6-9, 10-25, 27, 31 and 32 of US Patent No. 6,545,797. Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double-patenting rejection.

Claims (1+4+30), 5-7, (8+33), 9-12 and 14-29, 31, 32 and 34 are provisionally rejected over Claims (1+25+26), 2-4, 5, 6-9, 10-24, 27, 31 and 32 of pending application USSN 10/284,586. Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the provisional double-patenting rejection.

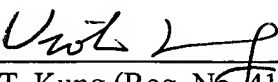
Claims (1+4), 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 27 and 28 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims (1+33), 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 42, 43, 20 and 21 of pending application. USSN 10/310,641. USSN 10/310,641 has issued as US Patent No. 6,788,452. Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double-patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

Please replace the drawings (Figures 1A-1H) on file with the attached set of revised drawings. A redlined copy of the drawings showing changes made is enclosed.



Redlined Drawings

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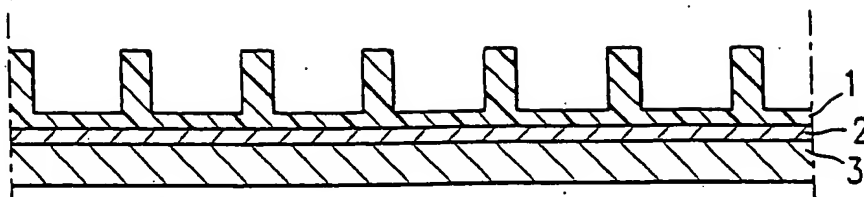


FIG. 1A

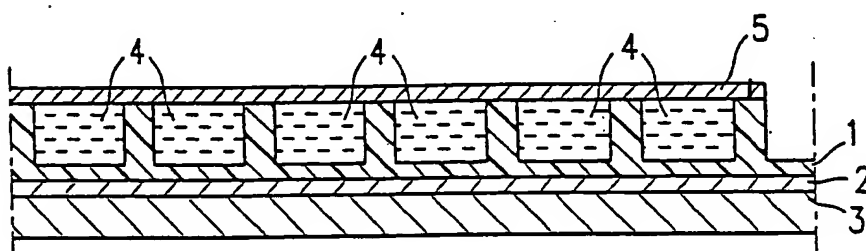


FIG. 1B

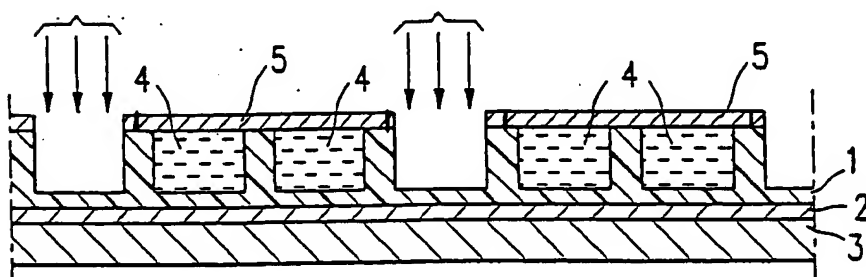


FIG. 1C

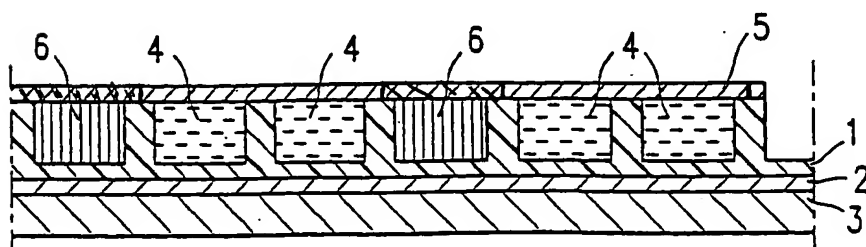


FIG. 1D

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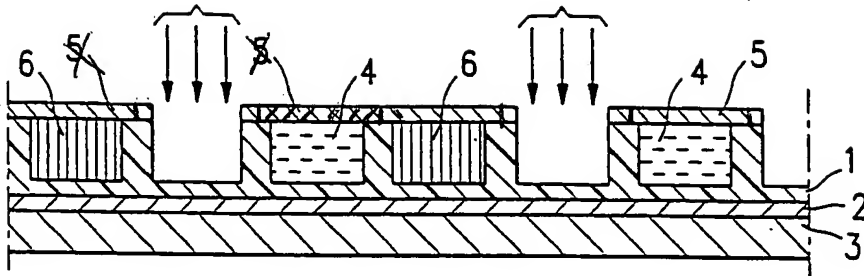


FIG. 1E

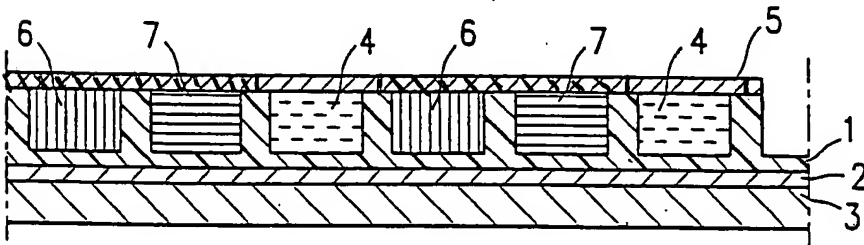


FIG. 1F

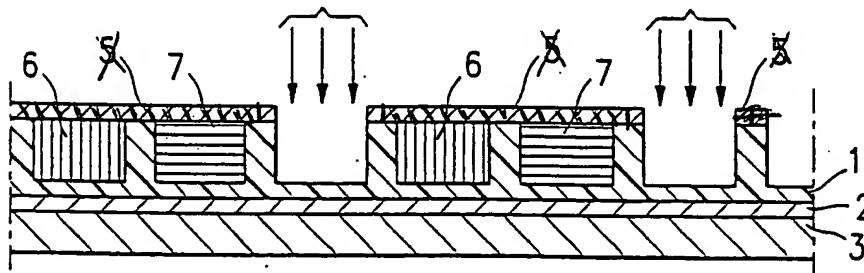


FIG. 1G

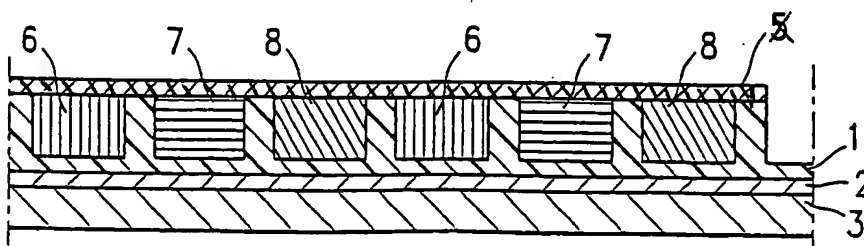


FIG. 1H